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2025 / 26
SEASON

SAMANTHA PAULY (CENTER) AND CAST IN THE BROADWAY PRODUCTION OF "THE GREAT GATSBY" - PHOTO BY MATTHEW MURPHY AND EVAN ZIMMERMAN



Hello my friends!

There's something special about a shared experience—the excitement of gathering in a theater, the lights dimming and the energy of a live performance unfolding before our eyes. At Overture, we believe in the transformative power of live performance to engage, entertain, educate and enlighten us—and to bring us together.

When I program a season, I'm always thinking about you. What will make you laugh, take your breath away or leave you talking with your loved one long after the final curtain? This season, I've chosen shows I can't wait to share with you—the sheer beauty of **"The Great Gatsby,"** sweeping you into its world with every dazzling moment; the world-class artistry of cirque performers in **Cirque Mechanics'** new show **"Tilt!,"** the precision and humor of **Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo**, redefining what ballet can be. Then there's the raw power of **Drum TAO**, where rhythm and movement collide in electrifying ways, and the unmatched vocals of headliner **Matthew Morrison** ("Glee"). Each of these performances is an experience—one we'll share together in the way only live theater allows.

Beyond these performances, our season is filled with series designed just for you. **Broadway at Overture** brings the best of Broadway right to our stage. **National Geographic Live** takes us on journeys alongside world-renowned explorers and storytellers. **Up Close** offers an intimate connection with emerging artists, making every performance personal and unforgettable. Our **Cabaret** series pairs a delicious meal with stunning performances in a setting that makes you feel like you are part of the show.

This season, we're also expanding our **Fringe Festival**, building on the excitement and success of its debut. What began as a fresh new addition to our lineup is now growing to feature a mix of international, national and local artists, bringing fun and imaginative performances to our community. The Fringe is all about discovery—offering something fresh, fun and completely unforgettable.

As always, our brochure offers a glimpse of what's to come, with more surprises ahead. I cannot wait to experience it all with you. I so love being in the theater and sharing these moments with you and your loved ones.

A world of wonder awaits!

Tim Sauers



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Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

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Sol Invictus

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The Great Gatsby

The Naked Magicians



WELCOME TO A WORLD OF WONDER!

BROADWAY AT OVERTURE!

We're rolling out the red carpet for you to enter a new season of Broadway shows that promise to inspire, engage and wow you. Featuring three Wisconsin premieres and the return of one of the most popular musicals of all time, our season offers shows for every kind of Broadway fan.

OUR SIX-SHOW SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGE INCLUDES:

SOME LIKE IT HOT

KIMBERLY AKIMBO

Wisconsin Premiere

**BACK TO THE FUTURE:
THE MUSICAL**

Wisconsin Premiere

**DISNEY'S BEAUTY
AND THE BEAST**

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS

Wisconsin Premiere

THE GREAT GATSBY

ADD HAMILTON FOR A SEVEN-SHOW PACKAGE

SEASON OPTIONS:

THE BOOK OF MORMON

RIVERDANCE 30 - THE NEW GENERATION

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Justin Matthew Sargent in
the "Hamilton" National Tour
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HAMILTON

TUE, JAN 6 - SUN, JAN 18, 2026
OVERTURE HALL

Winner of 11 Tony Awards®, a Grammy® and the Pulitzer Prize, this revolutionary musical brings history to life with its electrifying score and powerful storytelling. Experience the cultural phenomenon that continues to inspire audiences worldwide.

SOME LIKE IT HOT

TUE, NOV 11 – SUN, NOV 16 2025

OVERTURE HALL

Set in Prohibition-era Chicago, this four-time Tony Award®-winning musical follows two musicians forced to flee the Windy City after witnessing a mob hit. With gangsters hot on their heels, they board a cross-country train, embarking on the trip of a lifetime. The New York Times raves “Some Like It Hot” is “A Super-Sized, All-Out Song-And-Dance Spectacular!”

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SOME LIKE IT HOT
BROADWAY'S TONY-WINNING MUSICAL COMEDY



The company of “Some Like It Hot”

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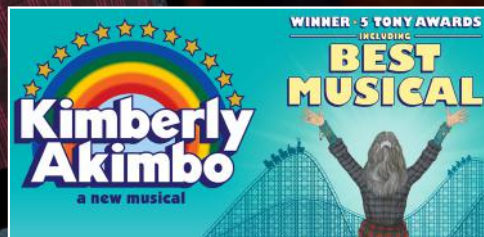


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KIMBERLY AKIMBO

TUE, FEB 10 - SUN, FEB 15, 2026
OVERTURE HALL

This winner of five Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, is a hilarious and heartfelt story of a quirky teen navigating family dysfunction, a rare genetic condition, her first crush... and possible felony charges. Ever the optimist, Kim is determined to find happiness against all odds and embrace life's greatest adventure.



Carolee Carmello in the National Tour of "Kimberly Akimbo"

PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE MUSICAL

TUE, MAR 10 – SUN, MAR 15, 2026

OVERTURE HALL

Great Scott! The cinematic classic is now a Broadway musical with its destination set for Madison. When Marty McFly finds himself transported back to 1955 in a time machine built by the eccentric scientist Doc Brown, he accidentally alters history. Now he's in a race against time to fix the present, escape the past and send himself... back to the future.

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Don Stephenson, Caden Brauch and company in "Back to the Future: the Musical"

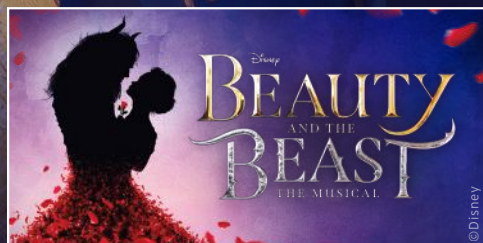
PHOTO BY MATTHEW MURPHY AND EVAN ZIMMERMAN



DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

TUE, MAY 12 – SUN, MAY 17, 2026
OVERTURE HALL

"Be Our Guest" at "Beauty and the Beast," Disney's first North American production of the beloved musical in over 25 years. Members of the original creative team have reunited to bring this enchanting and timeless tale to life in a breathtaking musical filled with the romance and spectacle audiences know and love.



DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE
BEAST IS WELCOMED BY:



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Shubshri Kandiah (Belle) & Brendan Xavier (Beast).
"Beauty and the Beast" original Australian cast.

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WATER FOR ELEPHANTS

TUE, JUN 16 - SUN, JUN 21, 2026

OVERTURE HALL

Based on the bestselling novel, "Water for Elephants" is a stunning, spectacle-filled musical about a young man who finds love and a new life with a traveling circus. Featuring a soaring score, breathtaking choreography and a sweeping story, The New York Times calls it "stunning, emotional, heart-filled and gorgeously imaginative."

THE GREAT GATSBY

TUE, JULY 28 - SUN, AUG 2, 2026

OVERTURE HALL

The party's roaring in Madison! Hailed by Entertainment Weekly as "a Broadway extravaganza that explodes with life and energy," "The Great Gatsby" is the Tony Award®-winning new musical based on the classic American novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This story of extravagance and longing is "one wildly entertaining night at the theater and musical theater at its finest" (Theatrely).



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The Broadway cast of "The Great Gatsby"

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MURPHY AND EVAN ZIMMERMAN



SEASON OPTION

THE BOOK OF MORMON

FRI, OCT 24 - SUN, OCT 26, 2025

OVERTURE HALL

The New York Times calls it “the best musical of this century.” The Washington Post says, “It is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals.” And Entertainment Weekly says, “Grade A: the funniest musical of all time.” Jimmy Fallon of The Tonight Show calls it “Genius. Brilliant. Phenomenal.” It’s “The Book of Mormon,” the nine-time Tony Award® winning Best Musical.

This outrageous musical comedy follows the adventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word. With standing room only productions in London, on Broadway and across North America, “The Book of Mormon” has truly become an international sensation. Contains explicit language.

THE BOOK OF
MORMON



SEASON OPTION

RIVERDANCE 30 - The New Generation

TUE, APR 14 - THU, APR 16, 2026

OVERTURE HALL

Celebrating 30 years of the global sensation that has captivated audiences worldwide! "Riverdance" fuses Irish and international dance and music, featuring mesmerizing choreography, stunning costumes and cutting-edge visuals brought to life by an all-new generation of performers.



Anna Mai Fitzpatrick in "Riverdance"



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SEPTEMBER

COMPAGNIE HERVÉ KOUBI:
Sol Invictus

SAT, SEP 27, 2025, 7:30 PM
OVERTURE HALL

Prepare to be captivated by “Sol Invictus,” a breathtaking fusion of hip-hop energy and classical grace. This powerful performance is a declaration of love to dance—its past, present and limitless future.

OCTOBER

MATTHEW MORRISON:
Rhythms & Revelations

THU, OCT 16, 2025, 7:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Step into a powerful fusion of music and movement that goes beyond entertainment. In this deeply personal performance, Matthew Morrison—known for his standout role as Will Schuester on “Glee”—takes audiences on a musical journey into the heart of what makes us human.



MARIACHI ROCK REVOLUTION

THU, OCT 30, 2025, 7 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Get ready for a rock-fueled, Mariachi-infused spectacle of sight and sound celebrating the tradition of Mariachi. This high-energy show unites arena-rock fans, abuelas raised on Vicente Fernández—and everyone in between.



NOVEMBER

CIRQUE MECHANICS: Tilt!

SAT, NOV 1, 2025, 7:30 PM & SUN, NOV 2, 2025, 2 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Enter the wonder-filled world of Cirque Mechanics, where modern circus collides with American industrial ingenuity. Witness acrobatics, mechanical marvels and a bit of clowning around—all wrapped in raw realism you won't find anywhere else.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: A Pirate's Life with Archaeologist Lisa Briggs

TUE, NOV 4, 2025, 7:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Set sail on a thrilling adventure with archaeologist Lisa Briggs. Dive into the Mediterranean to uncover how pirates shaped the Roman Empire, meet China's fierce Pirate Queen and step into the lab to track Blackbeard's trail. History's greatest treasures await—are you ready to hunt?

CABARET: Claybourne Elder: If the Stars Were Mine*

THU, NOV 6, 2025, 6:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Broadway's hunky gay ex-Mormon dad Claybourne Elder, star of "Company," "Sunday in the Park..." and HBO's "The Gilded Age," presents a hilarious and heartfelt evening that's part cabaret and part stand-up. Using his favorite music from Sondheim, the Great American Songbook, Whitney Houston and beyond, Elder explores fatherhood, love and what exactly happens when you eat the body of Christ.

UP CLOSE: Royal Wood*

FRI, NOV 7, 2025, 8 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Experience the soul-stirring sound of Royal Wood up close on Overture's historic Capitol Theater stage! Wood is an acclaimed singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and producer whose music blends heartfelt lyricism with masterful musicianship.



PHOTO BY AUSTIN RUFFER

Claybourne Elder

*No discounts.
Royal Wood



The Reset

JANUARY

THE RESET

SAT, JAN 3, 2026, 3 PM

CAPITOL THEATER

Experience sound and music like never before at “The Reset”—a transformative journey beyond the typical concert. Renowned singer and sound healer Davin Youngs layers vocals, crystal bowls, tuning forks and electronic beats into a mind-body “sound bath.” Dive deep, emerge renewed—and elevate your experience with special on-stage seating and a take-home yoga mat.

BILL BLAGG: Family Magic

SAT, JAN 10, 2026, 3 PM

CAPITOL THEATER

Enjoy 60 minutes of non-stop magical fun, specifically designed to entertain and engage audiences of all ages. Blagg’s unique blend of comedy, audience participation and mind-bending magic may bring objects to life and make audience members float in mid-air!



Bill Blagg

JANUARY

CABARET: Kyle Taylor Parker: Juke Joint Jubilee*

THU, JAN 15, 2026, 6:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Don't miss Broadway powerhouse Kyle Taylor Parker in a thrilling evening of soulful vocals and show-stopping storytelling. From his acclaimed turns in "Kinky Boots" and "Smokey Joe's Café" to his celebrated solo albums, KTP is ready to dazzle and delight in this intimate cabaret concert.

UP CLOSE: Layale Chaker*

FRI, JAN 16, 2026, 8 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Witness the mesmerizing sounds of composer and violinist Layale Chaker who blends classical contemporary, jazz, Arabic music and improvisation.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: Wild Cats Revealed with Filmmaker Sandesh Kadur

TUE, JAN 20, 2026, 7:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

From towering Himalayas to dense jungles, India is home to the world's most diverse wild cats. Join filmmaker and National Geographic Fellow Sandesh Kadur as he unveils rare felines—like the grumpy-faces Palla's cat and the fishing cat—through captivating images and video.



Kyle Taylor Parker



Layale Chaker

PHOTO BY ANNA RAKHVALOVA

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National Geographic Live: Wild Cats Revealed

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS

TUE, JAN 27, 2026, 7:30 PM
OVERTURE HALL

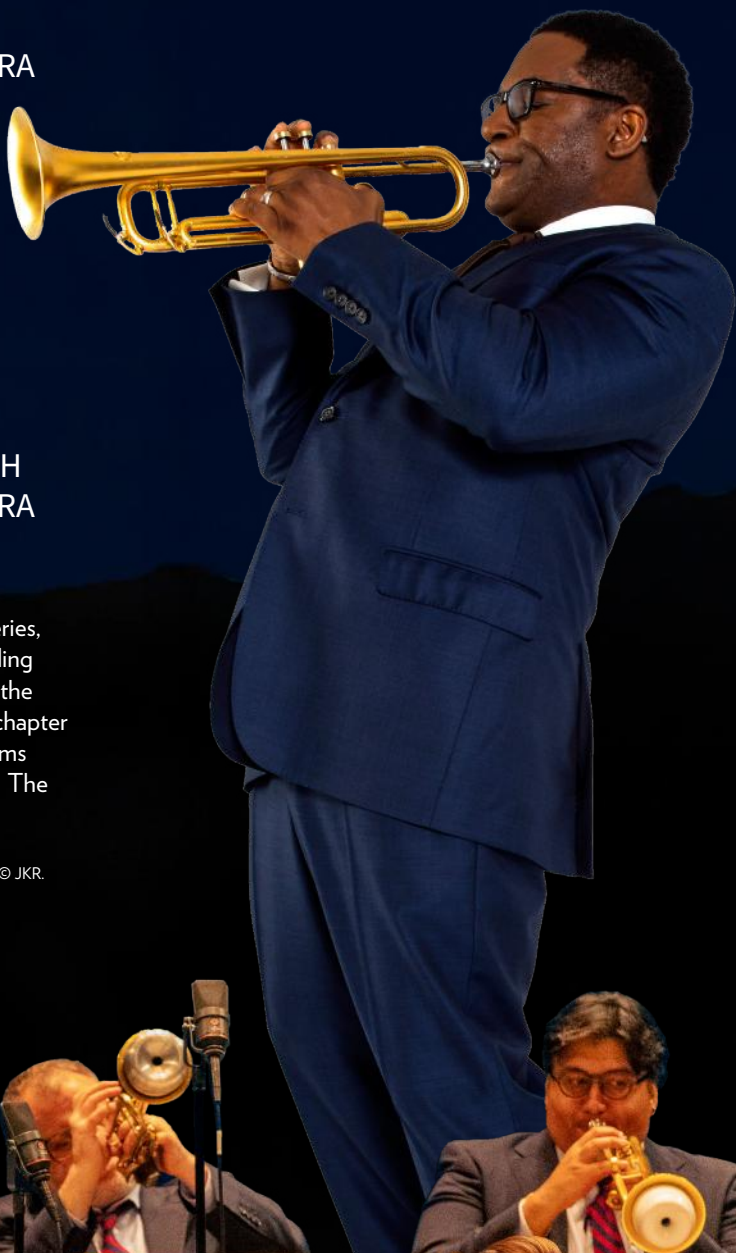
The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, comprising 15 of the finest jazz soloists and ensemble players today, has been the Jazz at Lincoln Center resident orchestra since 1988 and spends over a third of the year on tour across the world.

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS™ PART 2 IN CONCERT WITH THE MADISON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

SAT, JAN 31, 2026, 2 PM & 8 PM
OVERTURE HALL

In the epic finale to the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, the battle between good and evil forces of the wizarding world escalates into an all-out war! "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ Part 2 in Concert" brings the final chapter to the big screen as a live symphony orchestra performs every note of the epic score from Alexandre Desplat. The stakes have never been higher!

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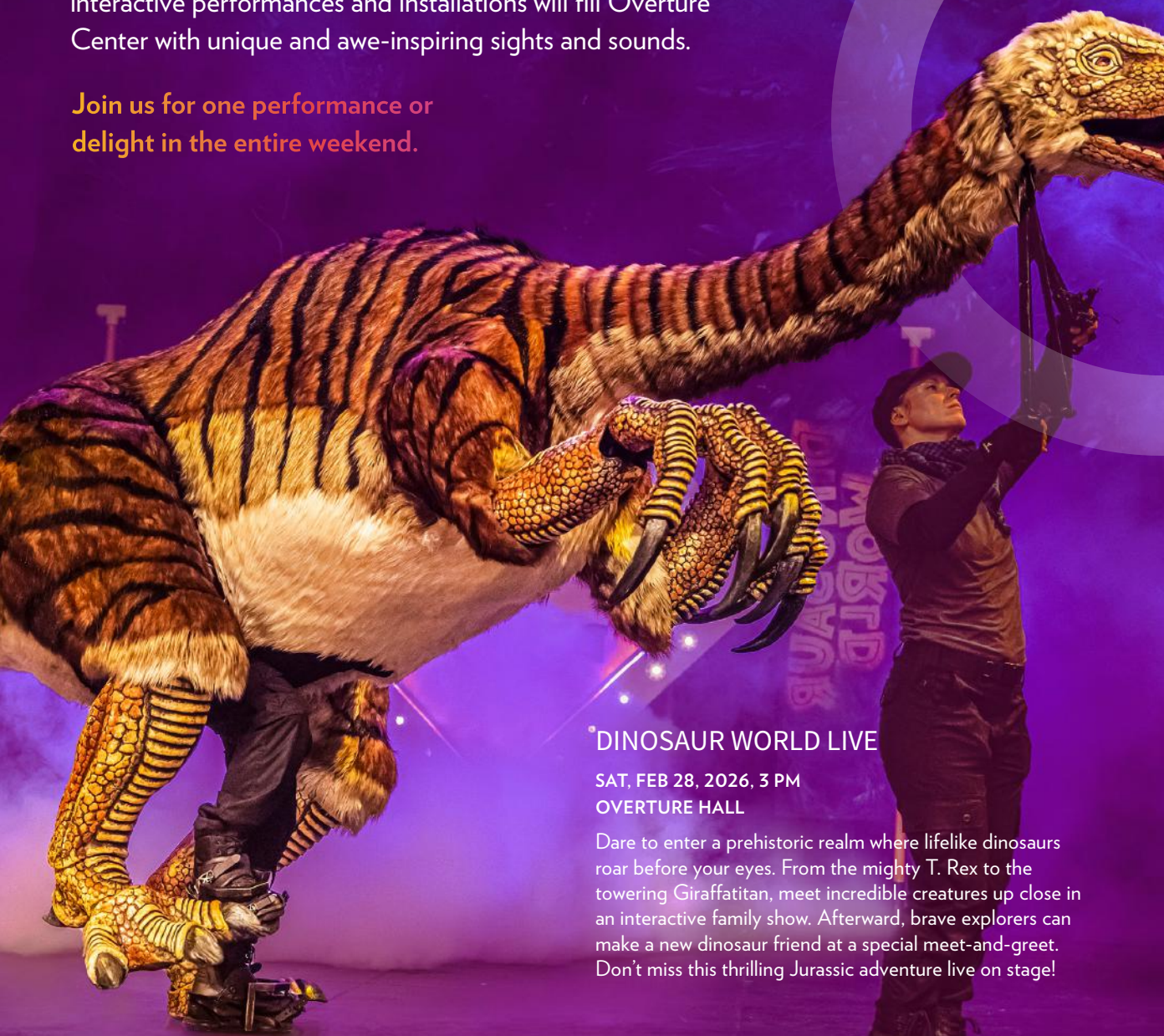


Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

BE A PART OF THE FRINGE

Our weekend-long mini fringe festival is a celebration of creative energy from around the globe. Inspired by the annual Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the world's largest arts festival, our festival features six one-of-a-kind performances, including improv, magic, theater and comedy. This year, additional free, interactive performances and installations will fill Overture Center with unique and awe-inspiring sights and sounds.

Join us for one performance or
delight in the entire weekend.



DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE

SAT, FEB 28, 2026, 3 PM
OVERTURE HALL

Dare to enter a prehistoric realm where lifelike dinosaurs roar before your eyes. From the mighty T. Rex to the towering Giraffatitan, meet incredible creatures up close in an interactive family show. Afterward, brave explorers can make a new dinosaur friend at a special meet-and-greet. Don't miss this thrilling Jurassic adventure live on stage!



Jeanne C. Wilkinson

THE NAKED MAGICIANS

SAT, FEB 28, 2026, 7 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Brace yourself for a magic show like no other! Direct from Las Vegas and London's West End, Australia's "The Naked Magicians" deliver world-class illusions and nonstop laughs—while wearing nothing but a top hat and a smile. Described by The Huffington Post as "the wildest night ever," this R-rated smash hit proves that good magicians don't need sleeves, and great magicians don't need pants. 18+ only. Includes male nudity, sexual references and coarse language.



CAITLIN COOK: The Writing on the Stall

SAT, FEB 28, 2026, 5 PM & 8 PM
PROMENADE HALL

Fresh from a sold-out off-Broadway debut, Caitlin Cook's confessional bathroom graffiti musical transforms stall scribbles into uproarious, original songs. Dubbed "the gold standard of musical comedy" (NY Times), this one-of-a-kind show is an absolute must-see.

BABY WANTS CANDY

SAT, FEB 28, 2026, 5 PM & SUN, MAR 1, 2026, 4 PM
THE PLAYHOUSE

They're back! Prepare for an unforgettable night of spontaneous hilarity as Baby Wants Candy brings you a fully improvised musical—made up on the spot from a single audience suggestion. Accompanied by a live band, this powerhouse ensemble (featuring alumni from SNL, 30 Rock and more) has dazzled fans across the globe with their jaw-dropping dance numbers, rhymes and comedy. Each show is opening and closing night, and no two performances are ever the same!



Caitlin Cook

SHAMILTON

SAT, FEB 28, 2026, 8 PM & SUN, MAR 1, 2026, 7 PM
THE PLAYHOUSE

Join members of famed musical improv group Baby Wants Candy as they create an epic musical on the spot based on a historical celebrity of your choosing—from Genghis Khan to Kim Kardashian. It's the show Lin-Manuel Miranda calls "cease and desist!" Start thinking of who you want to see a hip-hop improvised musical created for now.

MONKEYS EVERYWHERE

SUN, MAR 1, 2026, 3 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Garry Starr's mind is overrun by mischievous monkeys, making it impossible to finish his new play. In "Monkeys Everywhere," he teams up with director Olivia Jacobs ("The Gruffalo," "Room on the Broom") for a laugh-out-loud, heart-filled show for all ages. Come see if Starr can tame his cheeky chimps—or if they'll get the last swing!

EARTHLINGS: REVISITED by Jeanne C. Wilkinson

SAT, FEB 28 - SUN, MAR 8, 2026
ROTUNDA STUDIO

FREE exhibition. Step into artist Jeanne Wilkinson's "Earthlings: Revisited" and immerse yourself in a mesmerizing interplay of shifting images and color. Two translucent fabric scrims and dual image streams create a continually morphing, magical environment. Wander within this meditative flow of light and shadow and experience the art as you become part of it.



Monkeys Everywhere

FEBRUARY

STEP AFRIKA!'S The Migration: Reflections on Jacob Lawrence

WED, FEB 4, 2026, 7 PM

OVERTURE HALL

Watch as the energy of percussive dance, African traditions and contemporary movement collide. With powerful rhythms, storytelling and audience participation, this celebration of African culture and artistry will leave your heart pounding.

THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY

SAT, FEB 7, 2026, 7:30 PM

OVERTURE HALL

"The Simon & Garfunkel Story" is back! Using huge projection photos and original film footage, this show also features a full live band performing all the duo's hits, including "Mrs. Robinson," "Cecilia," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Homeward Bound" and many more.

LES BALLETS TROCKADERO DE MONTE CARLO

THU, FEB 26, 2026, 7:30PM

OVERTURE HALL

From tutus to toe shoes, the all-male troupe transforms classical ballet into an outrageous, yet deeply skilled, spectacle. With impeccable technique, over-the-top personas and a touch of slapstick, the Trocks deliver a performance as breathtaking as it is hilarious.



MARCH

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: The Untold Story of Sharks with Marine Biologist Jess Cramp

TUE, MAR 3, 2026, 7:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Dive into our planet's waters and observe the fascinating lives of sharks with marine biologist Jess Cramp. Fifty years after "Jaws," discover the real story of these ancient predators, the trailblazing women of shark science and Cramp's mission to protect them.

DRUM TAO

TUE, MAR 10, 2026, 7 PM
OVERTURE HALL

"Extraordinarily talented percussion artists, and seductive, alluring performers." —Chicago Tribune

Experience the pulse-pounding power of Drum TAO, where traditional Japanese Wadaiko drums meet breathtaking performance and modern spectacle. Renowned for their dynamic choreography, striking visuals and thunderous rhythms, Drum TAO delivers a performance that is more than just a concert—it's a full-body experience.

Drum TAO



APRIL

BILLY GOATS GRUFF

SAT, APR 11, 2026, 3 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia brings three beloved stories to life with a fresh, playful twist! Meet three determined goats who outwit a troll in "Billy Goats Gruff," watch as a wily Wolf gets bested by clever pigs in "Wolf vs. Pigs," and follow a mischievous raccoon in "Goldilocks." Featuring laughter, surprises and a Q&A session, it's a must-see for ages 3-7!

TAKE 6

SAT, APR 25, 2026, 7:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER

Experience the genius of Take 6, the most awarded a cappella group in history, praised by Quincy Jones as "the baddest vocal cats on the planet!" With 10 Grammy Awards and collaborations with legends like Stevie Wonder and Ray Charles, these six voices redefine musical boundaries—from jazz and pop to gospel and beyond. Don't miss the extraordinary vocal orchestra that continues to amaze audiences with their enduring legacy of harmony, faith and friendship.



Billy Goats Gruff

CABARET: Patti Murin: Once Upon a Stage*

THU, APR 23, 2026, 6:30 PM

CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Broadway star Patti Murin invites you on a journey through the music that has shaped her illustrious career. Murin brings her signature warmth, themes of love, resilience and the power of dreams – weaving in heartfelt reflections on motherhood and its impact on her life and artistry. Murin offers a personal and poignant perspective as she shares her experiences balancing the demands of a performing career with the joys and challenges of being a mother.

UP CLOSE: Llewellyn Sánchez-Werner*

FRI, APR 24, 2026, 8 PM

CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Hailed as a “gifted virtuoso” (San Francisco Chronicle) with “masterful technique and a veritable deluge of sonorities” (La Presse Montreal), pianist Llewellyn Sánchez-Werner captivates audiences worldwide with his mesmerizing artistry and profound musical storytelling.



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Llewellyn Sánchez-Werner



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A PIRATE'S LIFE WITH ARCHAEOLOGIST LISA BRIGGS

TUE, NOV 4, 2025, 7:30 PM

CAPITOL THEATER

Set sail on a thrilling adventure with archaeologist Lisa Briggs. Dive into the Mediterranean to uncover how pirates shaped the Roman Empire, meet China's fierce Pirate Queen and step into the lab to track Blackbeard's trail. History's greatest treasures await—are you ready to hunt?



WILD CATS REVEALED WITH FILMMAKER SANDESH KADUR

TUE, JAN 20, 2026, 7:30 PM

CAPITOL THEATER

From towering Himalayas to dense jungles, India is home to the world's most diverse wild cats. Join filmmaker and National Geographic Fellow Sandesh Kadur as he unveils rare felines—like the grumpy-faces Palla's cat and the fishing cat—through captivating images and video.



THE UNTOLD STORY OF SHARKS WITH MARINE BIOLOGIST JESS CRAMP

TUE, MAR 3, 2026, 7:30 PM

CAPITOL THEATER

Dive into our planet's waters and observe the fascinating lives of sharks with marine biologist Jess Cramp. Fifty years after "Jaws," discover the real story of these ancient predators, the trailblazing women of shark science and Cramp's mission to protect them.

CABARET

TAKE YOUR SEAT **ON STAGE**

Join us on the historic Capitol Theater Stage for an elegant cabaret experience. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres in the lobby and a gourmet dinner served on stage. Subscribers to the 2024/25 Cabaret series will get same-seat renewal in 2025/26.



CLAYBOURNE ELDER: If the Stars Were Mine*

THU, NOV 6, 2025, 6:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Broadway's hunky gay ex-Mormon dad Claybourne Elder, star of "Company," "Sunday in the Park..." and HBO's "The Gilded Age," presents a hilarious and heartfelt evening that's part cabaret and part stand-up. Using his favorite music from Sondheim, the Great American Songbook, Whitney Houston and beyond, Elder explores fatherhood, love and what exactly happens when you eat the body of Christ.



KYLE TAYLOR PARKER: Juke Joint Jubilee*

THU, JAN 15, 2026, 6:30 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Don't miss Broadway powerhouse Kyle Taylor Parker in a thrilling evening of soulful vocals and show-stopping storytelling. From his acclaimed turns in "Kinky Boots" and "Smokey Joe's Café" to his celebrated solo albums, KTP is ready to dazzle and delight in this intimate cabaret concert.



PATTI MURIN: Once Upon a Stage*

THU, APR 23, 2026, 6:30 PM
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Broadway star Patti Murin invites you on a journey through the music that has shaped her illustrious career. Murin brings her signature warmth, themes of love, resilience and the power of dreams—weaving in heartfelt reflections on motherhood and its impact on her life and artistry. Murin offers a personal and poignant perspective as she shares her experiences balancing the demands of a performing career with the joys and challenges of being a mother.

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ROYAL WOOD*

FRI, NOV 7, 2025, 8 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Experience the soul-stirring sound of Royal Wood up close on Overture's historic Capitol Theater stage! Wood is an acclaimed singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and producer whose music blends heartfelt lyricism with masterful musicianship.



LAYALE CHAKER*

FRI, JAN 16, 2026, 8 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Witness the mesmerizing sounds of composer and violinist Layale Chaker who blends classical contemporary, jazz, Arabic music and improvisation.



LLEWELLYN SÁNCHEZ-WERNER*

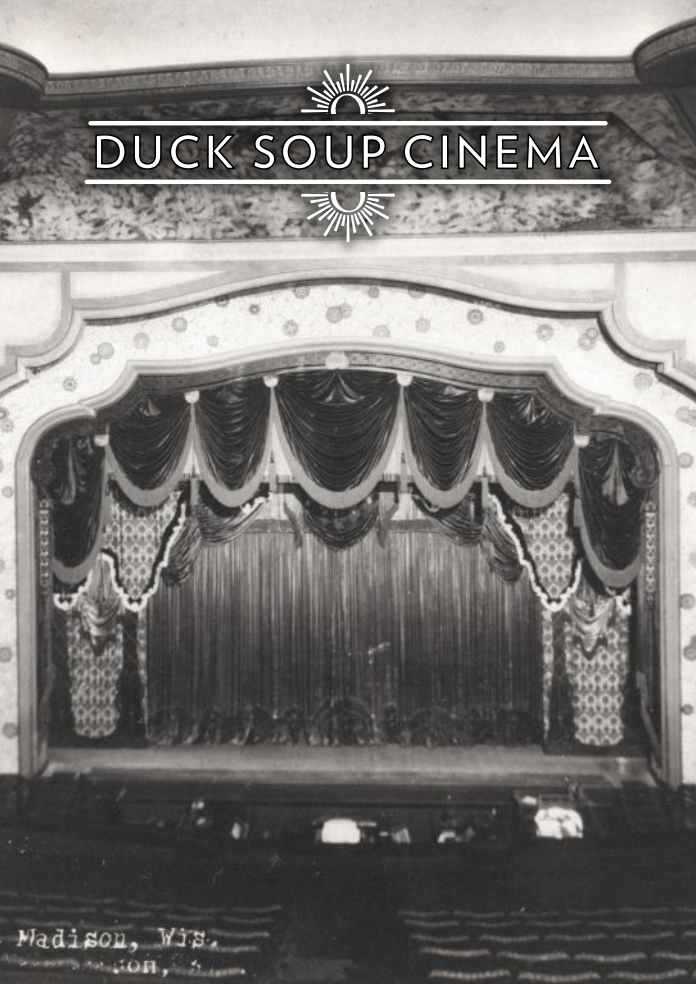
FRI, APR 24, 2026, 8 PM
CAPITOL THEATER STAGE

Hailed as a "gifted virtuoso" (San Francisco Chronicle) with "masterful technique and a veritable deluge of sonorities" (La Presse Montreal), pianist Llewellyn Sánchez-Werner captivates audiences worldwide with his mesmerizing artistry and profound musical storytelling.

* *No discounts. Limited seats available.*

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DUCK SOUP CINEMA

Join us for the 45th season of **DUCK SOUP CINEMA!**

Duck Soup Cinema has become a cherished tradition at Overture Center, celebrating the legacy of the Capitol Theater's silent film heritage. Born from the vision to bring the Grand Barton Organ back into the spotlight, the series began as the Sounds of Silents before evolving into its current form in 2004. Each year, 2-5 films are presented with live accompaniment from a skilled organist, whose performance mirrors the emotions of the actors, just as it did when the theater first opened in 1928.

This 45th anniversary season, Duck Soup Cinema continues to welcome all who wish to experience the magic of silent films, complete with vaudeville-style acts and a lively atmosphere that promises laughter, nostalgia and a unique cinematic journey for all.

SAVE THE DATES!

SAT, NOV 22, 2025, 2 & 7 PM

SAT, FEB 21, 2026, 2 & 7 PM

SAT, JUN 13, 2026, 2 & 7 PM

Kids in the ROTUNDA

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Dinosaur World Live

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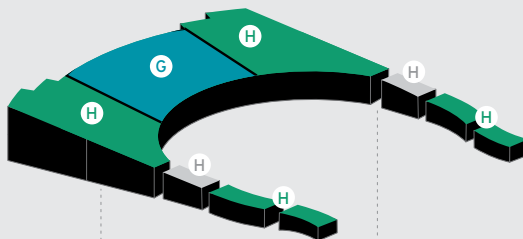


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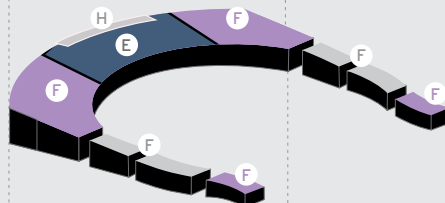
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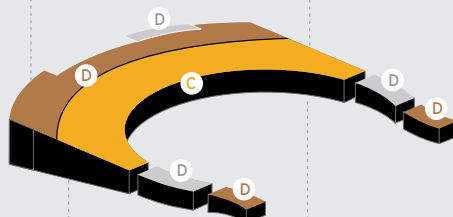
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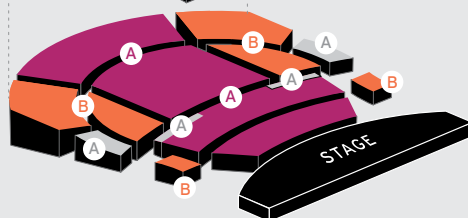
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— Bea and Lau Christensen

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